

+ FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) +  
Holydays of obligation – 2nd / 3rd May 2026

Holy Family	<b>6pm (sat)</b>	<b>Mass</b> Anita Peel RIP
	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Nellie May Wood RIP

Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> May – **The English Martyrs** (National Feast)

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b> In thanksgiving
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Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May – **Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

**No Mass**

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> May – **St John Payne, Priest Martyr** (Diocesan Memorial)

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
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Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> May – **Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

Holy Family	<b>11am</b>	<b>Requiem Mass</b> for Joyce Ivy Short RIP
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Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May – **Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter**

Holy Family	<b>9am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
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+ SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A) +  
Holydays of obligation – 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> May

Holy Family	<b>6pm (sat)</b>	<b>Mass</b> Maureen Margaret Wall RIP
	<b>8:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish
	<b>10am</b>	<b>Mass</b> Ann Mc Inerney RIP



**Remember to have a Mass offered for your loved ones.**

One day, we too will be a Holy Soul, depending on others to pray for us.

“Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin.” 2 Maccabees 12:45



Newsletter for  
**Holy Family Benfleet**

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Office: Monday 9:30am – 1pm or upon request

Email: [benfleet@brcdt.org](mailto:benfleet@brcdt.org)

Priest in charge: **Rev. Dr. Eduard-William Färtan**

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**CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026**

We will shortly begin the next Confirmation preparation programme for anyone currently in Year 9 or above. The programme dates are listed below. Please email your interest to [benfleetyouth@brcdt.org](mailto:benfleetyouth@brcdt.org)

**The introduction meeting** for Parents and Confirmandi took place on Monday 13th April, 6pm at Our Lady of Canvey but you can still get in contact if you are interested.

Time for the sessions: 6pm– 7:45pm and will alternate between Our Lady of Canvey and Holy Family.

**Session 1:** Monday 18th May 2026

**Session 2:** Monday 1st June 2026

**Session 3:** Monday 15th June 2026

**Session 4:** Monday 29th June 2026

**Session 5:** Monday 13th July 2026

**Session 6:** Monday 7th Sept 2026

**Session 7:** Monday 21st Sept 2026

**Session 8:** Monday 5th Oct 2026

**Confirmation Mass** with Bishop Alan at Our Lady of Canvey in October (date and time to be confirmed)

**Youth Mass:** Either Thursday 4th June or 2nd July TBC with the group.

Brentwood Cathedral. Arrive at 6pm for Pizza and social. Mass 7:30pm. Pick-up between 8:30–9pm

**The Tabernacle Sanctuary Candle** burns for the intentions of Susan Griffin and her family.

**THE LEGACY OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3rd October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day, and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. The event will take place in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday 2nd May. Refreshments available from 10.30. Everyone is welcome to this free event, which is also available by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

The Diocese of Brentwood advertise the following position:

**Deputy Headteacher**

St Helen's Catholic Primary School, Westcliff-on-Sea

Deadline for applications: 09:00 am Monday 11th May 2026

Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school and should contact Claire Fantini, HR Manager, on 01702 344933 or by email on [recruitment@assisicatholictrust.com](mailto:recruitment@assisicatholictrust.com) to arrange a visit and if you have any questions. Full details of the post and relevant application form are available on the school website.

**Holy Family Catholic School**

Your parish school is in need of new Foundation Governors. All that is required is a wish to serve the mission of the Church in this particular way. Foundation governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop to preserve and develop the Catholic character of the school. We depend on committed Catholics being willing to undertake this service. Please contact me by email on [jherridgegovernor@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk](mailto:jherridgegovernor@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk) or call me on 07971 212 068 for further information. Thank you.

**Offertory Collection Figures**

The Brentwood Diocesan trust – Reg. Charity No. 234092

*Gift aid it please!*

	2026	2025	2024	Attendance
25 <sup>th</sup> / 26 <sup>th</sup> April	£495.87	-	-	-

These figures do not include standing orders, which will be included in the annual report

**Volunteer Bookkeeper Vacancy at our church**

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Olivia Prophet for her dedication and support in managing the church's bookkeeping. Her contribution has been invaluable to keeping our parish running.

As the new financial year has begun, we are now urgently seeking someone to take on this important role. If you have relevant experience or would be willing to help, please speak to Fr Eduard to find out more about the role and the training provided.

**DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD**

From **Rt Rev Mgr Gordon Read**,

Diocesan Chancellor and Judicial Vicar, [tribunal@brcdt.org](mailto:tribunal@brcdt.org)

If you know the whereabouts of **Herder Fernandes De Gouveira** 12/25, please contact the Tribunal Office on 01277 265283 quoting the reference number given. It is important that I make contact with them, if possible, in order to protect their rights under Canon Law.

**Annual Mass for Migrants**

**You are warmly invited to join the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster for the 20th annual Mass for Migrants on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2026, at St Antony of Padua Catholic Church.** The celebration will begin at 12.00 pm with a procession of banners.

This year, the Mass is hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood. Celebrated for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, the Mass is prepared by the Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three dioceses and gives thanks for the contributions made to faith, life and work in the UK by all those who have come from other countries to make their home here.

**The preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams, sm.**

Music will be provided by Nathan Chan and students from St Antony's Catholic Primary School, St Bonaventure's Catholic Secondary School and St Angela's Ursuline School.